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SUBJECT: ANOTHER REPORT OF LOCATED "MISSING PERSONS"

REF: BUENOS AIRES 7244

1. THE MISSING PERSONS BUREAU OF THE ARGENTINE FEDERAL POLICE, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY (DECEMBER 14) THAT 159 "DESAPARECIDOS" (MISSING PERSONS) HAD BEEN LOCATED SINCE SEPTEMBER, 1978. A FILE CHECK OF THE 159 NAMES AGAINST THE 7,000 PLUS ENTRIES IN THE EMBASSY'S HUMAN RIGHTS DATA FILES PRODUCED NO MATCHES.

2. WE AGAIN CONCLUDE THAT YESTERDAY'S LIST LIKE THE PREVIOUS FEDERAL POLICE LISTS ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER, AUGUST AND APRIL ARE COMPOSED OF REGULAR "MISSING PERSONS" CASES.

3. ALTHOUGH THE SPANISH LANGUAGE PRESS GAVE FRONT-

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PAGE OR PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE FEDERAL POLICE ANNOUNCEMENT, THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD NOTED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS HAVE CRITICIZED THE PUBLICATION

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OF SIMILAR LISTS IN THE PAST BECAUSE THEY CONTAINED
ONLY "COMMON" CASES AND HAD RAISED FALSE HOPES
AMONG RELATIVES OF PERSONS WHO HAVE ALLEGEDLY
DISAPPEARED FOR "POLITICAL" REASONS.

4. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO NEW REAPPEARANCE REPORTS
IN THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS.
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